Third Member of Council.—

The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

MESSRS. B. S. PUTTASWAMY (T.-Narsipur Taluk), M. C. LINGE GOWDA and S. C. MALLIAH (Mandya Taluk), PATEL LINGE GOWDA (Krishnarajapete Taluk), K. V. VEERANNA (Chamarajanagar Taluk,) CHICKKE GOWDA (Malavalli Taluk), LINGE GOWDA (Heggaddevankote Taluk), CHIKKEGOWDA *alias* ANNE GOWDA (Mandya Taluk), B. CHENNAPPA (Yedatore Taluk), H. C. DASAPPA (Special Interest), T. S. ALIKHAN, (Minority Interest), V. BANDAIYA (Nanjangud Taluk), H. C. RAYAPPA (Minority Interest), PUTTANANJIAH (Malavalli Taluk), THIMMEGOWDA *alias* THAMMAYYAGOWDA (Krishnarajapete Taluk), *Dharmaprakasa* D. BANUMIAH (Special Interest), SANGANA BASAPPA (Chamarajnagar Municipality).—

Q.—19. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) What is the number of Executive Engineers working on the Irwin Canal? Castewar particulars to be furnished. Among Brahmins details of Smarthas, Vaishnavas and Sri Vaishnavas to be furnished.

(*b*) What is the number of Assistant Engineers and Sub-Engineers castewar as detailed above?

(*c*) What is the number of Overseers and Sub-Overseers castewar as detailed above?

(*d*) What is the number of head coolies and temporary maistries castewar as detailed above?

(*e*) What is the pay that is paid to a temporary maistry and a head cooly?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, KRISHNARAJASAGARA AND ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—19. (*a*) to (*d*) A statement furnishing the information is placed on the table (Appendix IV).

(*e*) Pay of temporary maistry ranges from Rs. 20 to 35 and of a head cooly from Rs. 15 to 35.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

From the information furnished in the Appendix, it will

be seen that the representation of non-Brahmins in the cadre of Sub-Engineers, Overseers and Sub-Overseers is very low when compared with that of Brahmins in those cadres. May I know what the reason is due to?

Third Member of Council.—

There were no suitable persons available for appointment.

Mr. D S. Mallappa.—

How was this ascertained?

Third Member of Council.—

Certain qualifications have been prescribed for appointment in those grades and if there were qualified non-Brahmin hands available, they would have been appointed.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Have you appointed men in the grades of Overseers and Sub-Engineers recently?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Are the backward communities adequately represented therein?

Third Member of Council.—

As many as possible among them are being appointed.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Are the Government aware of the fact that the Chief Engineer, Krishnarajasagara, has filled up certain appointments in the Overseer's cadre without duly advertising the vacancies in the Gazette?

Third Member of Council.—

I think the appointments in that cadre are filled up by promotion.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Are those vacancies not filled up by direct recruitment?

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.—

Some of them are advertised.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Is no percentage fixed for promotions in this Department?

Third Member of Council.—

I require notice.

Mr D. S. Mallappa.—

What steps have been taken for increasing the proportion of non-Brahmin element in that Department?

Third Member of Council.—

The Chief Engineer says that every non-Brahmin Engineering graduate who applied for such posts was appointed.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

May I know for what cadre or cadres they applied?

Third Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Are the Government aware of any case of non-Brahmins not being appointed in the Overseer's cadre?

Third Member of Council.—

We are not aware. If you give particulars, we will enquire into the matter. As far as we know, no qualified non-Brahmin applicant was refused appointment.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

In the Sub-Overseer's cadre, there are as many as 72 Brahmins while there are only 6 non-Brahmins. What is the reason for such a low representation of backward communities in that grade?

Third Member of Council —

The reason is the want of candidates. We were obliged to take even retired men after taking every available man passing out of the Engineering School.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Who is the appointing authority?

Third Member of Council.—

The Chief Engineer.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Is he the appointing authority both in the Public Works Department and Krishnarajasagara?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes.

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.—

The whole establishment is in my charge. But the appointments in Krishnarajasagara are made in consultation with the Krishnarajasagara Secretary.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Are all appointments filled up by the Chief Engineer?

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.—

Only up to Rs. 100.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Were the vacancies referred to above duly advertised in the Gazette?

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department —

Yes.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Are the Government aware that the Chief Engineer applied to the Recruitment Board for exemption from advertisement?

Third Member of Council.—

I may tell you that every non-Brahmin candidate who was fully qualified and who applied for the post was appointed. The trouble is that we have not got a sufficient number of qualified men, whether Brahmins or non-Brahmins.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

If the vacancies are not at all advertised, how is it possible for the people to know whether there are any vacancies?

Third Member of Council.—

I do not think you are correct in saying that the vacancies were not advertised.

Mr D. S. Mallappa.—

Were they then advertised?

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.—

Yes. But the difficulty was that we could not get qualified men.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Are men for the Sub-Engineer's cadre directly recruited?

Third Member of Council —

Yes.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Have you appointed non-Brahmins in that cadre?

Third Member of Council.—

Every one of the applicants was appointed.

Mr. H C. Dasappa.—

My point is that, after the vacancies in both the Overseer's and Sub-Engineer's cadres were duly advertised, were not only the vacancies in the Overseer's cadre given to non-Brahmins? If there are B.E.'s, are they qualified for being appointed in the Sub-Engineer's grade, or, are they not?

Third Member of Council.—

I cannot understand your question. It is so misleading. Ordinarily direct recruitment of ordinary B.E.'s is to Overseer's grade. There have been some cases of direct recruitment to Sub-Engineer's grade also. I understand from the Chief Engineer that those who had qualified themselves formerly and gained some experience have been appointed

directly as Sub-Engineers and both Brahmins and non-Brahmins were so appointed.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

When you made promotions to the Assistant Engineer's grade, why no non-Brahmin was promoted to that grade?

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.—

Promotion is given according to seniority.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

It is said in the statement that while 31 posts of head coolies were given to Brahmins, only 29 were given to non-Brahmins. May I know what the reason is due to? May I know also whether any qualifications are necessary even for appointments to the posts of head coolies?

Third Member of Council.—

If you ask what are the qualifications necessary, I want notice.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Has it come to the notice of the Government that even though there were many applicants among the non-Brahmins available for such posts, their applications were rejected ?

Third Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and terminate the services of men that were appointed in preference to non-Brahmins, if they want to be thoroughly just?

Third Member of Council —

We will enquire into this matter. But we cannot promise you that the services of such men would be terminated, if instances are shown.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Then what is the use ? Why should there be preferential treatment even for appointments of temporary maistries and head coolies?

Third Member of Council.—

As regards temporary maistries and head coolies, Government called upon the Chief Engineer to see that as many non-Brahmins as were available are appointed and the Chief Engineer has promised to do that

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

If any discrepancies are pointed out, will the Government rectify them ?

Third Member of Council.—

We shall consider the matter.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Will the Government be pleased to promise that in the higher grades of Engineering, non-Brahmins would be appointed and sufficient encouragement shown to them ?

Third Member of Council.—

We shall give them every possible encouragement. But, I want to know whether you mean that they should be appointed straightaway as Sub-Engineers?

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Yes.

Third Member of Council.—

That is rather a doubtful matter. We cannot have differential qualifications for different communities.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Have you not appointed before people passing B.E. Examination as Assistant Engineers ?

Third Member of Council.—

This was done previously when some guaranteed appointments existed. After all the number of such cases is not more than 2 or 3.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Do not the figures furnished in the statement support the fact that there is no adequate representation of the backward communities in the Engineering cadre ?

Third Member of Council.—

That is a matter of opinion. But, what is the point you wish to elicit from me ?

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

My point is whether you will show special encouragement to non-Brahmins newly passing from the Engineering College by appointing them to the grade of Sub-Engineers?

Third Member of Council.—

We will note your recommendation.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that no promotion was given to non-Brahmin Engineers and Sub-Engineers ?

Third Member of Council.—

No cases have come to the notice of the Government. If you give a list of such instances we will enquire into the matter.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

I wish to point out that some difficulty is experienced by us in giving such information.

Third Member of Council.—

If you do, I will personally enquire into such cases.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswami.—

10 or 15 years ago, were not graduates in Bachelor of Engineering of the Madras University being directly recruited to the posts of Assistant Engineers ?

Third Member of Council.—

No. They were taken only as Sub-Assistant Engineers.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswami.—

Why not do the same thing now ? Is the qualification derived from our own University anything less in value than that of the Madras University ?

Third Member of Council.—

Now B.E.'s are recruited to the Overseer's grade.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

It is said that the pay of temporary maistries ranges from Rs. 20 to Rs. 35 and that of head coolies from Rs. 15 to Rs. 35. Are there any who were appointed on higher pay?

Third Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda.—

For the lower cadre of head coolies, were there not enough applicants from the backward communities ?

Third Member of Council.—

I have no information.

Mr. H B. Gundappa Gowda.—

May I know whether such appointments were advertised?

Third Member of Council.—

I do not know. But, I may tell you, however, that there is an order to the effect that even such places should be advertised. I will look into this matter again.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

May I know how many years it will take for reaching the 50 per cent contemplated in the Miller Committee Report?

Third Member of Council.—

You can calculate it yourself.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

Among temporary maistries, how many are now taken as cooks in the houses of officers ?

Third Member of Council.—

I have no information. But, if you make a specific statement to that effect holding yourself responsible for it, I will enquire into the matter.

Mr. Bagamane Deva Gowda.—

Will disciplinary measures be taken against the officers who have violated rules of recruitment ?

Third Member of Council.—

We are not aware of the violation of the rules.

REPRESENTATIONS—(*contd*).

No 8.—Record of Rights.
Mr. K. Ramakrishna Iyer, Kolar Taluk.

It was prayed that the present charge of assessment for every *phode* of land under the Record of Rights Regulation being very high, it might be reduced by at least one half.

There was no discussion on this subject, as it was already discussed in connection with Subject No. 6.

No. 9.—Appointment of a Committee to examine Resettlement of T.-Narsipur, Chamarajnagar and Nanjangud Taluks.

Messrs B. S. Puttaswami, T.-Narsipur Taluk; M. C. Linge Gowda and S. C. Malliah, Mandya Taluk; Patel Linge Gowda, Krishnarajpete Taluk; K. V. Veeranna, Chamarajnagar Taluk; Chikke Gowda, Malvalli Taluk; Linge Gowda, Heggaddevankote Taluk; Chikkegowda *alias* Annegowda, Mandya Taluk; B. Chennappa, Yedatore Taluk; H. C. Dasappa, Special Interest; T. S. Alikhan, Minority Interest; V. Bandiah, Nanjangud Taluk;H. C. Rayappa, Minority Interest; Puttananjiah, Malvalli Taluk; Thimmegowda *alias* Thammayya Gowda, Krishnarajpete Taluk; *Dharmaprakasa* D. Banumiah, Special Interest; Sangana Basappa, Chamarajnagar Municipality.

MR. B. S. PUTTASWAMI represented that T.-Narsipur, Nanjangud and Chamarjanagar Taluks were re-settled in the previous year and that the rates had been increased very much over the previous rates. He said that the matter had been brought to the notice of the Dewan during his tour in the Mysore District, that the Revenue Commissioner was also present and that the Dewan admitted that the rates were very high. He therefore prayed that a Committee consisting of Government officers and non-officials be appointed to investigate into this question.

MR. H. C. DASAPPA said that in the statement furnished to the Assembly on the last occasion, it might be seen that the rates were very high in the T.-Narsipur Taluk and that if adequate relief were given to the raiyats, there was no necessity for the appointment of a Committee.

MR. VEERARAJ URS said that the villages in the T.-Narsipur Taluk were divided for purposes of resettlement into various portions and each portion was